CERN Fitness Club AGM 09.05.2022 Minutes

Indico event: https://indico.cern.ch/event/1159845/

Present via zoom: 11 participants + 6 proxy votes sent to Fitness Club secretary.
Excused: Anita, Mariane, Helen, Misha

Rachel B opened the meeting at 17.02 and outlined the meeting agenda:

COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the club:

- Lockdown March 2020 – fitness club classes open to everyone, even non-members. After lockdown, reminders sent for fees to be paid. The club saw a dramatic drop in the number of members and subscriptions. Zoom links shared on whatsapp groups containing non-members.
- Instructors to be commended for their agility in moving their classes online.
- Stringent restrictions to be followed when clubs were able to reopen (autumn 2021: limits in class numbers, no showers, disinfectant of equipment, participant list for contact tracing, mandatory mask wearing). Challenging for committee to put in place (need for some dedicated software and sign-up process frustrating for participants (flexibility lost).

President’s report:

- Total number of members in 2019 = 500+ total number of members in 2021= 41
- Improvements made to equipment in 216
- Plan to install a water fountain and other equipment
- Fitness Club sponsoring and orphan in Laos

Marzena (vice treasurer) gave the Treasurer’s report:

- Decrease in income (lack of subscription fees), continued outgoings to reimburse instructors.
  Bank balance **9,910,34 CHF** in Dec 2021, compared with bank balance in Dec 2019 **53,462,39 CHF**

Rachel opened up the floor for questions and discussion:

Suggestion from Bertrand for gym management software: https://reposawod.com/en/prices/
Hugo sent: https://www.assocommnet.com/ The committee is looking at https://support.sportsnow.ch/

Ben added that people find it difficult to keep track of what they have paid and when they need to resubscribe. Rachel added that the club offers a lot of flexibility in when people can register and for how long. Bertrand offers to set up an xls with a list of registrations and a button to press which automatically reminds people they need to subscribe (thanks Bertrand). Maria suggested a ticket system whereby individuals buy a set of tickets and hand them in each time they take a class – this is system she has tried and tested, which worked well. Ben reminded everyone that the situation should be temporary whilst we look for another solution.

Bertrand added that the previous flexibility whereby individuals could take part in a trial class without having to sign up was much appreciated. Now they need to register a slot in indicio in advance is less flexible. Rachel explained that this method enables the committee too keep track of who is taking the classes and limit numbers. In addition, if the classes are over subscribed the club will add additional classes, as with HIIT and Pilates on Tuesdays. The registration closes a couple of hours before the class
so that the committee members have time to extract participants and send the names to the instructors. If someone knows last minute, they can come to a class but haven’t registered they can send a message to the fitness club and ask to be registered (if there is space).

Committee members and account auditors

- Dorothee Duret was elected unanimously as account auditor for 2022 (thank you Dorothee)
- Anita stands down as treasurer, Marzena elected unanimously to replace her (thanks to both)
- Ben and Bertrand are elected unanimously to take care of the HIIT section, replacing Cris (thanks to all)
- Jacopo and Federico were elected unanimously to manage the boxing section (thanks to both)
- Maria and Mariane were elected to share the role of secretary (thanks to both)
- Marie was re-elected Communications, with Helen joining her as back up (thanks to both)
- Misha was re-elected Powerlifting responsible
- Rachel was re-elected President

Further discussion ensued regarding the whatsapp group used by some people following HIIT classes. Bertrand explained it was a good tool to communicate quickly and effectively. Rachel stated that CERN clubs must be compliant with OC11 as should any tools used to communicate with the members, whatsapp is not. Furthermore, the official communication channel for the club is email (all members provide their email when they join the club). Not all members use or want to use whatsapp, so using such a channel excludes them from receiving messages. Any messages from the instructors should be channelled through the committee, not directly to the members. Ben and Bertrand will be added to a private group containing committee members and Loris for urgent communications between the committee and Loris, which can then be relayed orally to members in the 216, in case of delays. Email will continue to be the official communication channel for members.

Ben thanked the club for the organisation of activities during the COVID period, which he very much appreciated. Rachel thanked Gabriele Kolge for her role as account auditor 2021 (accounts still to be verified by her) and for the current, former and newly elected committee members and above all thanks to all the Fitness Club members who have supported the club during these complicated months.

The meeting was closed at meeting at 18.00

Rachel Bray
President

Mariane Dissing
Secretary

Marzena Lopka
Treasurer